

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming process for forming a protective layer of thermoplastic resin particles on a recording medium comprising the steps of conducting recording on
5 a recording medium with an image-receiving layer, providing a thermoplastic resin particles onto the image-receiving layer and heating and pressurizing the thermoplastic resin particles on the image-receiving layer, and an image forming apparatus comprising an
10 ink-jet head for conducting recording on a recording medium, a providing means for providing thermoplastic particles to a recorded recording medium, and heating and pressurizing means for heating and pressurizing the thermoplastic particles to flatten.